

The People's Column

One of the greatest balance-wheels in life is responsibility. A person who shirks responsibility never gets anywhere, irrespective of his natural ability. Read over the confessions of every great criminal and you will find that he never assumed any responsibility—he was here today, there tomorrow. We often feel that our responsibility is great; in fact, we sometimes feel that it is too great for us to bear. But to assume responsibility is to develop character and fortitude—characteristics necessary for success in the highest callings. On the eve of this new year you think your responsibility is too great and more than your share, remember that it perhaps is really only a blessing in disguise.

ABOUT BRYAN

Mrs. M. W. Sims has returned home after a three months stay in Corsicana with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Mills. The many friends of Mrs. Sims are extending happy greetings and good wishes for the New Year. Mrs. Sims says she is so glad to get back to Bryan that she doesn't think she ever will leave again.

The Sedgwick players, who have been playing for 12 weeks at Port Arthur, will be at the Palace Theatre for a week, commencing the first part of January. This company will play for popular prices, and will give music, vaudeville, and stock entertainments.

Sam Eberstadt, who was chairman of the committee that raised funds for the Good Cheer Association, reports that slightly more than \$1,000 was subscribed. This is considered a generous response.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robinson and son, Hodson, of Kerrville are spending the week in Bryan with Mr. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Lou Robinson and his sister, Mrs. Josie Sheets, and Mrs. Robertson's sisters, Misses Lena and Clara Wetter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Sims and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wetter. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson were formerly residents of Bryan and this Christmas visit from them has been an occasion of much pleasure to their many old time friends who delight to see and be with them again.

"When I Was 21"

O. S. JOHNSON

"When I was 21 I had been graduated from Southern College of Pharmacy, at Atlanta, Ga., and was rolling pills for Goodman's in Houston," stated O. S. Johnson, manager of the Smith Drug company.

Mr. Johnson is strictly a Brazos county product, having been born, reared, and educated within the shadow of the court house. After going through the tenth grade at high school here, he attended and finished at Allen Academy. He then went to pharmacy school to prepare for his life's work. When asked why he decided to be a druggist, he said that his father was a great friend of Geo. W. Norrell, who had a drug store in Bryan and who later opened a large drug firm in Houston. His father often expressed the hope to Mr. Norrell that his son would be a druggist, and he carried out his father's wish.

While attending pharmacy school he worked in a drug store at Troy, Ala., for "experience." He says he did not receive much of anything else. After completing school, he took a job at Navasota, and thence to Houston.

George Smith purchased a drug store in Bryan in 1906, and Mr. Johnson and J. A. McQueen conducted it. Mr. Johnson remained in the drug business until 1909, when he branched out into the automobile business. He took the agency for the Studebaker, and in 1912 he and Henry Rohde opened a garage where the Central Texas Auto company is now located. The new firm added the Cadillac agency, this car having more prospective buyers in Bryan than it has now.

The Brazos Valley Ford company was organized in Bryan but had rather poor financial success. In 1915 Johnson and Rohde purchased the auto firm, moved it to their place of business, where they had the Ford, Cadillac and Studebaker all under one roof.

The popularity of the Ford began to increase, with remarkable rapidity, and pretty soon Uncle Henry's representatives hinted that it might be a good idea to sell only Fords. They took the hint, and were enjoying an era of prosperity when the war broke out. (Continued on Page 4)

PACIFIC WAR SCARE IS AGAIN UP FOR DISCUSSION

50 SKILLED ARTISTS TO BUILD LATE EMPEROR'S CASKET

HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE SECRET REPORTS

Representative McClintic of Oklahoma Says Reports Contain Nothing Belligerent and That Pacific Scare is Being Used as Propaganda for Navy Building Policy

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Pacific war scare which figured in Fall-Doheny trial has come under inquiry by House Naval committee and Secretary Wilbur has refused to furnish confidential navy reports bearing on matter. Representative McClintic of Oklahoma revealed today specifically. McClintic said committee had requested confidential report be sent to department by Admiral Gleeves bearing on "the belligerent attitude of Japan." A few years ago McClintic said he had been told report contained nothing indicating belligerent attitude and that Pacific scare is being put forward to gain votes for navy building policy.

WITNESS SAYS TY AND TRIS DID NOT BET

ONLY LEONARD BET AND HIS MONEY WAS PLACED ON HORSE RACE

(By Associated Press)

DETROIT, Dec. 29.—George West, Tiger ground keeper, who is supposed to have placed a bet for Cobb, Speaker, Wood, and Leonard on what Leonard charges was a "fixed" ball game between Detroit and Cleveland, denied the charge today. He said Leonard wanted to bet on the game but that the money was placed on a horse race and the horse won. He said Cobb and Speaker did not bet.

Watch Party Called Off for Friday Night

The watch party that was to be held at the First Christian church Friday night will not be held on account of the fact that so many of the members are out of the city.

Perry Taylor, 19, Dies Near Harvey

Perry Taylor, aged 19 years 1 month and 22 days, died at the family home in Harvey community, Wednesday morning at 4:00 o'clock, following a few days illness. Pneumonia was given as the cause of death. Funeral services will be held at Old Bethel church, Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. L. Brown. Burial will be in Old Bethel cemetery under direction of the McCulloch-Dansby company, funeral directors. Deceased is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Taylor, two brothers, Cloud Taylor and Roy Taylor of Harvey, two sisters, Mrs. C. W. Nolan, Harvey, and Mrs. L. C. Kinser, Somerville.

Wilson Spirit Will Live As Long As People Believe In Something Bigger Than Themselves--Says Prof. Axson

(By Associated Press)

HOUSTON, Dec. 29.—In the course of a review of the ideals of the late President Woodrow Wilson, his brother-in-law, Stockton Axson, of Houston, professor of English in Rice Institute, says that the World War president was a "soldier who met slow death for the thing in which he believed. Death on the battlefield would have been much easier."

"But his courage and his faith never faltered. He was the embodiment of America's aspirations, of the best hopes of humanity on earth. His spirit will live as long as people believe in something bigger than themselves."

The statement was printed Tuesday in the Houston Chronicle on the seventieth anniversary of Wilson's birth.

The article touches upon Wilson's early life: asserts that when Europe went to war in 1914, he counseled American neutrality because he respected the traditions of Washington and Jefferson, but that heart he was opposed to everything which Germany and the other Central Powers represented."

As the war proceeded, however, he said "that the conflict had spread beyond the ambitions of rulers to the vital question whether

A. & M. Experiment Substation May Be Built In East Texas

(Special to The Eagle)

LONGVIEW, Dec. 29.—The advisability of establishing a substation of the Experiment Station division of A. and M. College on Houston clay or black land in northeast Texas will be considered at a meeting to be held in Paris Thursday, January 6, at the call of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Agitation for such a substation is of long duration, the proposal having been laid before the East Texas chamber soon after it began to function. It was decided to hold the meeting in Paris upon receipt of an invitation from the local chamber of commerce, tendered through W. W. Evans, general manager.

County agents, chamber of commerce secretaries, farmers, bankers and business men of about 15 counties in northeast Texas are expected to attend the meeting. It is also expected that a number of representatives and state senators will be present.

If the establishment of a substation is deemed advisable, the meeting will lay plans for the realization of the project, and will prepare for the necessary steps to get the state legislature to appropriate funds.

The purpose of such a substation would be to conduct tests and experiments in the fertilization of field, truck and fruit crops; to develop methods of controlling and eliminating cotton root rot; to determine the varieties of crops best adapted to the section; to establish the most practicable systems of crop rotation and to devise the best soil building procedure for northeast Texas. The substation would also carry on experiments relating to the feeding of livestock.

Farmers of northeast Texas have sought a state experiment substation for some time, and were instrumental in bringing the matter to the attention of the committee of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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For the nations should be free or feudal. "The more he observed the course of the war and meditated upon its dire possibilities, the clearer it became to him that America must participate in the fighting and at the conclusion of hostilities must lead in the peace treaty. America was the custodian of the world's liberty."

A lofty spirit, Professor Axson asserts, animated Wilson. He was not a cold man, he declares. "He adored the American soldiers," he writes. "If any still think he was cold they will be deceived when they read his letters to soldiers, especially the wounded."

"A deep and sweet humility," Professor Axson says, "marked this powerful and sometimes seemingly arbitrary man; and no one ever heard him say, what so many others have said, that he himself was a casualty of the war. That would have appeared to him like boasting."

After the war, he broke precedent by going in person to Paris. It had not been his original intention to attend the Peace Conference, but as the war developed he became convinced that nobody but he had faith and the will and the (Continued on Page 4)

DISASTROUS FLOOD BOUND FOR NASHVILLE

RIVER IS EXPECTED TO RISE AT LEAST FIVE MORE FEET SOON

River on Rampage

FOOD AND CLOTHING BADLY NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY SITUATION

(By Associated Press)

NASHVILLE, Dec. 29.—The most disastrous flood in the city's history is expected here in the next 24 hours. The river is still rising and will rise at least five feet more. Four thousand are already homeless and an additional rise will drive out several thousand more people. Food and clothing is badly needed and emergency appeals have been sent to all not driven out by the waters of the Cumberland.

Population State Pen Now is 3,274

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Clemency proclamations issued by Gov. Ferguson since he took the oath of office on Jan. 20, 1925, total 2,959, of which 1,783 were pardons and paroles. Full pardons number 773, conditional pardons 222 and paroles 188.

The population of the State prison on Dec. 27, 1926, was 3,274, according to the monthly report received by the Governor from the State Prison Commission. Compared with Jan. 1, 1925, when there were 3,580 on hand, a decrease of 306 is shown, and with Jan. 1, 1926, when the population was 3,420, the decrease was 146.

On Dec. 27, there were twenty-four convicts in the asylums and 355 in the State penitentiary at Huntsville. Convicts on the various State farms were:

Blakely 134, Blue Ridge 273, Clemens 264, Darrington 204, Eastham 270, Ferguson 166, Goree 58, Harlem 227, Imperial 97, Ramsey 457, Retrieve 174, Shaw 138, Senior 110, Wynne 99.

Forty-four convicts are being worked in the State's cottonseed oil mill at Richmond.

A. D. McDonald Heads The S. P.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A. D. McDonald, vice chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific company, now stationed in New York, today was elected president of the Southern Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana to succeed W. R. Scott, who died recently.

H. M. Lull of Houston, assistant to the president of the lines, was elected executive vice president. Mr. McDonald, who will have general control and supervision of the company's affairs is a Texan. His association with the Southern Pacific line in Texas and Louisiana began in the accounting department 25 years ago. After several years at Houston he was transferred to San Francisco where he became auditor of the Southern Pacific company.

Mr. Lull began his connection with the Southern Pacific lines in the engineering department in San Francisco in May, 1906, advancing through various positions until 1917, when he was appointed division engineer of the company's Oregon lines. In September 1920, he came to the Texas and Louisiana lines as chief engineer and occupied that position until his appointment on Oct. 15, 1926, as assistant to the president of these lines.

Norris Venire List Is Now Drawn

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Lists of the 500 veniremen drawn for the trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fort Worth, are to be delivered to counsel for both the State and defense on January 7. The trial of Dr. Norris is set for January 10 in the Criminal District Court of Travis county on change of venue from Tarrant county.

Dr. Norris is charged with murder in connection with the slaying of D. E. Chipps, Fort Worth lumberman, in the office of Dr. Norris' church July 17 last.

GERMAN SPY IS ARRESTED BY OFFICERS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Police say Vivian, Strandes, former British officer, under arrest here, has admitted that he acted as spy for German espionage service last year, obtaining French aviation secrets. He told police he made seven trips from Berlin to Paris in year, obtaining valuable secrets each time.

Catfish So Large Can Swallow Whole Carcass of a Coon

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Catfish so large that they can swallow the carcass of a coon in whole are being reared under the protection of the State at the Heart of the Hills Hatchery near Kerrville, according to Turner E. Hubby, State Fish, Game and Oyster Commissioner. Only recently this experiment was tried by one of the wardens when a seventy-five-pound catfish immediately seized the body of a coon as it was thrown in the water, and swallowed it without difficulty.

Under a new plan for raising catfish in Texas by the department large fish are being planted in deep holes of the Guadalupe and Llano rivers in Kerr and Kimble counties. From observation, the smaller fish will swim up stream during every rise, while the larger ones remain in the holes. The experiment has been declared a decided success by the commission and several other streams will probably be treated in this manner during the coming year.

Noted Aviator Visiting Here

John A. Paradowski, aviation mechanist mate, first class, U. S. Navy, of Great Lakes, Ill., with his brother, Antoni Paradowski of Houston, arrived in Bryan Tuesday from Marlin where they have been visiting relatives and friends. They will be in Bryan until Friday when they will go to Houston to spend New Year's Day with relatives. John Paradowski graduated from the Advanced Aviation School at Great Lakes, Ill., Dec. 17, 1926, and on the same day received a transfer to the battleship U. S. S. West Virginia, San Pedro, California, for further assignment for aviation duty. Young Paradowski was given this ten days furlough for a visit with relatives before leaving for San Pedro. He goes direct from Houston January 2, to join his ship the U. S. S. West Virginia, U. S. Navy.

Allen Academy Adds Math Prof

The principal of Allen Academy announces that Chas. H. Tipton of Andalusia, Ala., will be associated with the academy in the department of mathematics for the new year. Mr. Tipton has an A. B. and M. A. degree from Columbia University, and comes to the academy after fifteen years of unusual success in both the public and private schools of Alabama and Florida. Mr. Tipton comes to the academy direct from the Florida Military Academy and will begin on his duties January 1. His connection with the Allen Academy adds another man of strength to its faculty and keeps the student-teacher ratio in the school of 12 to 1.

Officers Take G. J. Hassell To Another Jail

FARWELL, Dec. 29.—George J. Hassell, confessed slayer of 13, was spirited away from jail here during the night to an undisclosed destination by a heavily armed body of officers. Although no talk of mob violence was heard, the size of the crowds attracted to the town by the confession alarmed officials. Reports at Lubbock said Hassell was in Hale county jail, 50 miles from here.

SURVIVOR OF SUNKEN SHIP SHOOT'S SELF

SOLE SURVIVOR WAS TEACHER OF CONSTANTINOPLE WHO LOST FAMILY

First Wreck News

AMERICAN STEAMER ASTORIA GOES DOWN IN THE BLACK SEA

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 29.—A sole survivor of the American steamer Astoria, which foundered in the Black Sea, committed suicide when he learned that his family was lost in the wreck. A telephone message to the Paris Midi from Berlin said today. Message was first news of the wreck which cost 21 lives. The only survivor was a Constantinople teacher whose wife and three children drowned.

Ma To Be Given Valuable Lot In Austin On Jan. 18

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—The lot in an exclusive residential section here to be given as a farewell gift to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson may be presented Jan. 18, the day Attorney General Dan Moody succeeds her as governor.

Eugene Smith, highway commission chairman, and chairman of the farewell gift committee, made this announcement Tuesday. The governor will build a home on the lot. While the home is being built, she probably will live at a local hotel.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiprecht have been enjoying a family reunion during the Christmas holidays having all their children with them for the yuletide season. Captain and Mrs. Read Wiprecht and little daughter, Marjorie Pick of Washington, D. C., Walter Wiprecht Jr. of Ennis, and Mrs. J. D. Kernodle and children of North Carolina. It has been a happy occasion for them.

Dallas Dentist Is Found Dead

(By Associated Press) DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Doctor C. C. Weaver was found dead in his office today with a pistol near his body and a bullet wound in the temple. He was a prominent dentist here.

Pipkin Family Has A Reunion

During this Christmas week, a delightful reunion is being enjoyed at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Pipkin on College Road. All their children and grandchildren are present for the week, except one daughter, Mrs. Gus M. Gribble, Jr., of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Pipkin and children of Amarillo arrived last night; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Yates and son John Yates of Montgomery arrived today, also Charles Pipkin of Beaumont. Other members of the family present are: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vick and children; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McSwain and little son; Misses Lillie Belle and Louise Pipkin and James Pipkin, all of Bryan.

WINE FOR HENS URGED BY PROF.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Wine as a stimulant to the egg-laying capacity of hens, is recommended by M. Joubert, professor of Agriculture at Fontainebleau, who has carried out experiments over a period of six months.

M. Joubert found that six hens whose daily food was augmented by a small amount of wine produced 169 more eggs in the six months period than did six other hens of the same breed and age who lived on a strictly prohibition fare.

Cotton

Cotton futures quoted from 2 to 6 points up. Local spots were quoted at 11 1-4 cents per pound.

YOSHIITO'S HEARSE WILL BE HAULED TO GRAVE BY 4 OXEN

Hearse to Be Huge Two-Wheel Car 24 Feet Long and 12 Feet High—Wheels Will Have Musical Attachments Which Will Play Funeral Dirge on Way to Burial Spot

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO, Dec. 29.—Intaro Nishimura, whose family for generations have built caskets and hearses for imperial family, has brought 50 skilled artists to Tokyo to construct hearse for Yoshihito. Hearse to be an immense enclosed two wheel car, 24-feet long and 12-feet high. Two five-foot wheels will have musical attachments which will play funeral marches as hearse moves. It will be drawn by four specially trained oxen, handled by nine imperial ox tenders.

Governor Ferguson Names 3 Women On Park Board

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson Tuesday appointed Mrs. J. B. Kennard, Mrs. Sue L. Houston and Mrs. Ed M. Sweeney, all of Gonzales, commissioners for the Gonzales State Park.

NEW HIGHWAY ROW

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—The State Highway Department balance of Tuesday in the state treasury approximated \$700,000 but the department could not pay overdue estimates because of failure of the treasury to open. Eugene T. Smith, highway commission chairman, said.

Chairman Smith expressed his disappointment, and said that A. L. Losh, federal highway engineer of Fort Worth, who was here, also was disappointed.

War Hero Being Sought In Texas

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Alfred R. (Buck) Simpson is "somewhere in the hills west of Austin," uninformally that a certificate of a French Croix de Guerre is held for him by the War Department at Washington.

This statement was made Monday by John Shelton, Austin attorney and close friend of Simpson, to whom the war department wrote asking for Simpson's address.

Simpson, who served as a private in company B, 321st machine gun battalion (82nd division, was decorated by the United States, France and Italy for gallantry in action. October 12, 1918, he captured single handed a German machine gun nest, and turned the gun on a counter offensive of the Germans, holding them at bay until his ammunition was exhausted.

"Simpson was reared in the hills west of Austin," Shelton said. "After coming back from the army, he went to a grade school in Austin for a time, but after he learned to read and write a little, he went back to the hills. "I'm going to write the war department to send the certificate to me, for I'll be running on 'Buck' one of these days and I'll give it to him then."

Automobile Toll On Upward Swing

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—Five of the largest Texas cities reported 152 automobile fatalities for the period from January 3 to December 4, of this year, the United States department of commerce announced in figures recently released.

In this period of 11 months, Dallas reported 50 fatalities, El Paso 19, Fort Worth 23, Houston 27 and San Antonio 33.

During the four weeks ending December 4, the department reported 634 automobile deaths in 78 large cities. This compares with 625 deaths for a similar period last year.

The Texas cities included in the list of these 78 cities throughout the country reported the following deaths due to automobile accidents for the four weeks ending December 4: Dallas 4, El Paso 2, Ft. Worth 2, Houston 1, and San Antonio 4. The country's death rate per 100,000 population due to automobile accidents is shown by the report to be slightly on the increase, being almost 28 this last year as compared with about 26 in 1925.

MEN HELD FOR PLAN TO NAB TEXAS BANKER

THREE MEN ACCUSED OF A PLOT TO ABDUCT SULLIVAN UNDER BOND

(By Associated Press) SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 29.—Clyde Jennings, Tom Stanley and William Kemp pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to rob in connection with a plot to kidnap Dan Sullivan, millionaire banker, for ransom Christmas.

Bail was set at \$3,000. They are said to have planned to fire Sullivan's garage and abduct him as he ran from the house.

America Sound Financially Is Belief Of Cal

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Without discussing the future, the White House Tuesday pronounced America in a fundamentally sound condition.

President Coolidge is well pleased with the situation at the end of the old year, although he is making no forecasts.

Secretary Davis of the Labor Department informed him that the opportunities for employment seem to be increasing, notably in the East.

The President feels that the country is well supplied with capital, with skilled labor, with natural resources and with raw materials. Manufacturing is going on at more than the ordinary rate, he understands and transportation is moving rapidly.

Mr. Coolidge feels no one can tell when these conditions will change. It was recalled at the White House Tuesday that before the present year began many experts believed a depression likely, but that on the contrary the year proved one of the most prosperous in history.

Mr. Coolidge realizes that some farm commodity prices are not so high as a year ago, but he believes that this is an offset in part for the gains in the previous three years.

Keeping Cool Is Memory's Secret

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—If you want to have a good memory keep cool, is the advice given students by Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

The formula, according to Dr. Smith who is one of the world's best known chemists, has been responsible for his own ability to retain names. "The trouble with most forgetful people is that they become excited when they attempt to recall incidents out of the hazy past," said Dr. Smith. "We have no better example than the college student. If he could look upon an examination paper as calmly as he regards matters of life, he probably would have very little trouble. Fear and excitement get him muddled—all because he doesn't keep cool."

The Weather

(Special to The Eagle) NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 29.—For Bryan and vicinity: Tonight fair with frost; Thursday fair.

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IS FOOTBALL AN EVIL?

William Allen White, the Kansas editor says that the football tail is wagging the college dog. And State Superintendent of Schools for Missouri has the following to say:

"Many high schools in this state have reached the place where a winning football team is given first consideration. A person stated to me recently that football helped develop school spirit. If properly conducted I am inclined to think this is true. The trouble is, most of our students in high school get the idea that the football spirit is the real school spirit. They can't see the real school spirit because it always is overshadowed by the spirit of competitive athletics. We have been devoting time, energy and enthusiasm to building up a system of competitive athletics for a chosen few who need health education the least, instead of having a complete program of health education for all the students. Many communities now are spending more money on competitive athletics for these few than it would take for a complete program in health education for all the children from the first grade to the twelfth inclusive."

President Farrell of the State Agricultural College of Kansas thus regards the matter:

"If Mr. White's editorial is a plea for moderation one cannot help agreeing with it. Moderation is as desirable in football as it is in eating. Our experience here indicates there is no necessary incompatibility between high class football and excellent scholarship. Here, as at many other colleges, it is not uncommon for a football star to achieve honors in scholarship. Of course, it is important that football activities be conducted on a high plane; that manly behavior, good sportsmanship, and at least average scholarship be insisted on. In the many colleges where this is done, football offers an excellent outlet for youthful energy and enthusiasm which otherwise might find expression in undesirable activities."

Whose advertising bills do you pay? The merchant who does not advertise pays the advertising bills for the one who does.

Every merchant in business pays for advertising, whether he uses it or not. If a competitor's advertising takes any business away from him, the profit he would have made on the lost sale is what his competitor's advertising cost him.

You have, perhaps, wondered how some stores can afford to spend such enormous sums for advertising. That is easy to fathom. Their competitors, who don't advertise, and whose business they take, pay for their advertising.

Say the Jones family is a customer of yours. They have \$60 they intend to spend with you. They read the advertising of your competitor and are induced to spend their \$60 with him instead of spending it with you. The store makes 20 per cent or \$12 on the sale. It deducts, we will say, the \$1 advertising bill and has \$11 profit left. The advertising cost and had \$11 profit it would not be nothing. It got back its costs have had except for the advertising.

Who paid for the advertising? Did the advertiser pay? No. He got back the cost and profit besides.

Did the purchaser pay? No. He paid only the regular price.

The merchant that did not advertise paid for his competitor's advertising. He not only paid for the other fellow's advertising but he paid out of his cash register the profit his competitor made on the sale. The merchant that doesn't advertise pays the advertising bill for the one that does. He pays in loss of sales and loss of profits.—N. E. A. Bulletin.

The Bryan municipal Christmas tree was a wonderful success, and bespeaks the character and splendid motives of our citizenry. No town in Texas of its size gave away more Christmas presents than the people of Bryan. And the presents were given to those who needed them and will appreciate them.

It may have been good form for the girls of Texas Christian University to vote not to wear their dresses above their knees, but we doubt if it were the girls of that kind who voted for the measure.

Bryan usually receives publicity on account of A. and M. College, the Chamber of Commerce, the Parent-Teacher Association, the Rotary and Lions Club, or the Little Theatre, but right now the terrible Bryan-Hearne road seems to be the chief news source that receives headlines in the State papers. There was an article about our impassable roads in one of the Houston papers today. Lack of good roads is as costly to Bryan as 11 cent cotton. While telling the farmers to diversify, we should do more than pass resolutions about our awful roads.

A well-known Eastern college professor and student of music committed suicide because he was lonely and despondent. Psychology teaches us that the three essentials of life are food, shelter, and companionship, and of the three none is more necessary than companionship.

The people of Texas may expect most stringent traffic laws to be passed by the State's law-making bodies in the next few years. While disease is on the decline in Texas, automobile casualties increase with every month. Cars must be regulated if about a third of our drivers have to be quarantined.

Luther Johnson, Congressman from Corsicana, this district, has been elected president of the Texas Club in Washington, which has been particularly active during the holidays. This honor is a fine compliment to Mr. Johnson, who has never had an opponent during his two campaigns for Congress.

Which comes first in Texas, the pardon or the verdict of the jury? There has been such a short period of time between the two in some of our notable criminal cases that it is hard to keep the record straight.

We notice where a huge sum of money is to be lavished upon the funeral of Emperor Yoshihito of Japan. Ostensibly the Japanese have not adopted the slogan, "flowers for the living."

While children ask, "What did Santa bring you?" older folk are asking, "Did you have your egg-nog Christmas?"

Brazos Farmer Died In Field

Jack Dehart, a Brazos county farmer living near Milligan was found dead Saturday in a field about four miles from Navasota. His body was found within 300 yards of the Santa Fe track. It is believed that he died of heart failure. He had been despondent for some time on account of financial reverses. The funeral was held Sunday.

Conroe Man Dies In Refrigerator Car At Houston

The body of a man believed to be Guy Mount, about 45, of Conroe who was found dead in a refrigerator car Christmas Day, will be held while an effort is made to locate his relatives, it was announced Monday by the Fogle-West Undertaking Company.

The man's body was found in the ice box of the refrigerator car by Mike Bates, car checker at the South Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad yards, at 11 a. m. Saturday. The man's arm was caught under the lid of the ice box, his body on the inside and his hand on the outside.

Investigators believe the man sought a warm place to sleep and crawled into the box, the refrigerator cars using no ice in winter. He had been discovered, it was thought. Justice Overstreet, who held the inquest, said it would take eight or ten hours for a man to die in such a manner.

Papers found on the body indicated he was Guy Mount of Conroe. Authorities notified Sheriff Ben Hicks of Conroe of the man's death and the sheriff wired back there was no one of that name known to him. Sheriff Hicks will inquire in other sections of Montgomery County in an effort to locate the man's relatives.—Houston Chronicle.

Mike Pomara Dies Here Early Today

(From Tuesday's Daily)
Mike Pomara, aged 66 years 2 months and 22 days, died suddenly Tuesday morning about 7:00 a. m., at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. Patronella, with whom he made his home. Born in Italy, October 6th, 1860, he came to this country in 1881 and has been a resident here for 4 years. Funeral services will be held from the residence of B. Patronella, Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock and at St. Joseph's church at 10:15 a. m. conducted by Rev. Basil Bravi. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery under direction of the McCulloch-Dansby company, funeral directors.

Mr. Pomara is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Patronella, his wife having died last June, also by five nephews.

LANGHORN HAS HIS SENTENCE OF DEATH CHANGED

(By Associated Press).
AUSTIN, Dec. 26.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson today commuted death sentence against William Langhorn to life imprisonment, his attorney, John Mathis of Houston, announced. Langhorn was sentenced in Fayette county for murder in connection with killing of Valeria Zapalac.

EAST TEXAS CO-OPERATES WITH A. & M.

TROUP, Dec. 27.—That the interests of agricultural and rural improvements in East Texas are not being overlooked is revealed in the fact that 57 of the 62 counties in East Texas are co-operating with the Texas A. and M. college and the United States department of agriculture through the employment of county farm agents. No other section of like size in the South employs as great a number of county agents as East Texas, it is claimed by the East Texas chamber of commerce.

Rev. Brown And Wife Are Greeted By Santa Claus

Christmas was a happy season to Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, bringing to them not only lovely gifts but also many assurances of love and esteem from their many friends in Brazos county. Besides the "shower of gifts" given them by the ladies of the Baptist church of Wellborn, and already reported in these columns, Rev. and Mrs. Brown also received Christmas "poundings" from the Cottonwood church at Tabor and the Baptist church at College. Thoughtful friends filled a Christmas box of homemade sausage, smoked hams, canned fruits and preserves, nuts, candies and other "treats" for Rev. and Mrs. Brown and put it on the Christmas tree at Tabor for them. On account of the inclement weather Rev. and Mrs. Brown were unable to go to Tabor for the Christmas celebration but their box was brought to them by friends and indeed a treat.

Christmas night, Mr. Ray Flagg, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School at College assisted by some of the cadets of the Baptist church who remained on the campus during the holidays, went to the home of the pastor, Rev. Brown and presented the "pounding" of Christmas cheer, sent to them with love from the members of the Baptist church of College. The box was filled to overflowing with real Christmas good things, including fruit cakes, black and white, jellies, candies, nuts, fruits, and gifts of love. With their hearts filled with appreciation for all these expressions of love from friends, Rev. and Mrs. Brown declared this to have been a Christmas season full of Christian fellowship and thoughtfulness, unequaled, in all their lives, and they are grateful for every expression thus received.

Enemy Of Fall Cucumbers Has Been Conquered

(By Associated Press).
COTULLA, Texas, Dec. 28.—The enemy of fall cucumbers in Southwest Texas has been humbled, according to H. C. Pittman of this place, who believes that this section may now successfully raise them in large quantities. The foe to fall "cukes" was an innocent looking little bug known as the melon aphid. The cure, tobacco dust, was long sought, and like most effective things was simple.

Mr. Pittman is known in these parts as a successful vegetable grower, familiar with all of the details of producing a crop as far as cultural methods are concerned. In recent years he has raised as one of the largest shippers of onion and cabbage plants in the state.

But when he branched out into growing cucumbers he encountered a new and serious problem in the melon aphid. He sought advice of the Missouri Pacific agricultural department and soon learned that the pest could be controlled when the temperature was above 75 degrees with tobacco dust. He applied the remedy, found it worked, and harvested more than 500 crates this season.

No sooner had the pest been ousted than midew appeared. The same agency suggested mono-hydrated copper sulphate which proved effective.

Thus again has science allied itself with Texas growers and advanced the state another step in its destiny as a winter garden.

Comfortable And Attractive Homes Index To Farm Progress, Is Opinion Of Many Of Nation's Best Educators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Comfort and beauty in homes are believed by Secretary Jardine to be among the most significant indications of progress in rural life. The Secretary of Agriculture is a member of the Advisory Council of Better Homes in America, of which President Coolidge is honorary chairman. His statement, which follows, was contained in a letter to Dr. James Ford, Executive Director of that organization which has just launched its sixth nationwide Better Homes campaign: "Comfort and beauty in homes are among the most significant indications of progress in civilization. To me, concerned as I am with rural life, the increasing interest in the improvement of the farm home is most gratifying. A comfortable, attractive, well-ordered home on the farm makes for happier life, develops young people with a sounder outlook, and helps to insure appreciation of the essential values of rural life. Farming, probably more than any other occupation, is not only a business but a life, and in it the home must play an important part."

Better Homes Clubs
Thousands of men and women throughout the country are forming better homes committees to study local housing problems and problems of home and community life, and to work out a solution of those problems from the point of view of families of limited incomes. John J. Tigert, Commissioner of Education, says regarding the better homes movement: "The importance of home life

light of the children; Mr. E. L. Williams made a wonderful Santa Claus in make-up and entertainment. In an adjoining room, a buffet lunch of chicken sandwiches, coffee, fruit cake, and ice cream was served.

Large Audience Sees Pantomimic Pageant of "The Christ Child" At A. and M. Assembly Hall Recently

By Mrs. D. C. McIntosh
Although the weather was very unfavorable, there was a large attendance at both the sacred pantomimic pageant, "The Christ Child," which was given in the Assembly Hall at College, Christmas Eve, and also at the social hour, which followed in the Y. M. C. A. lobby.

The pageant, artistically staged under the direction of Professor Spriggs of the English department, was enacted while the scriptures pertaining to the story of the birth of Jesus were read impressively by Dr. T. O. Walton. An appropriate carol was sung for each of the seven episodic tableaux: Annunciation, Visitation, Mary and Joseph at the inn, Refusal and being shown to the stable, Shepherds and Angel, Coming of the Magi, Adoration. Three choirs sang the carols with new inspiration, a vestal choir composed of thirty young people led by Mrs. D. C. McIntosh, sang the processional; an invisible choir directed by Mrs. E. L. Williams, sang in a capella style giving pleasing variety to the music; the assembly choir was led by the thirty or forty children who had learned and committed to memory their carols under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Hance at the piano.

"Silent Night" was sung by all three choruses during the final, "Adoration" tableau—a never-to-be-forgotten picture composed of Mary looking into the manger crib guarded by the angel with wings spread above her; Joseph kneeling at her side with Elizabeth near; the inkeeper, servant, shepherds, and magi in reverent kneeling attitude in front. The star above and a blue light at the back, silhouetted the figures, while an other light concealed below lighted up the faces especially the face of Mary.

In a flowing Raphael robe of rich dark green, with a round deep yoke of soft red, and a pale green sun-like scarf over her lustrous dark hair and fair face, Mrs. R. E. Karper as Mary took on ethereal loveliness and beauty. Her acting was sincere and artistically keeping with the part. Mrs. R. L. Ware as the angel, gave the impression of a heavenly messenger not only by her white robe and lovely wings but by her fairy-like grace and beauty. Mrs. A. J. Weaver as Elizabeth, in blue, setting off the radiance of her long golden hair was in lovely contrast with Mary. Mr. D. W. Williams gave a true Biblical characterization of Joseph. Mr. T. F. Mayo with an oriental scarf in turban fashion about his head, and garbed properly, made a picturesque inkeeper along with his servant, Bill Hughes, whom he sent with a quaint lantern to show the way to the stable. The shepherds, Tim Bagley, Bob Conner, Max Winkler, George Fernier and Bill Hughes made an interesting tableau as the angel appeared to them. The magi, the Reverend Jesse Thompson, the Reverend R. L. Brown and Professor Ray Flagg in royal robes gave the final touch to the adoration scene as they came and reverently knelt while the invisible choir sang, "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Immediately after the pageant the crowd assembled in the lobby at the "Y" where a great sparkling tree lighted the whole place. Mr. D. H. Heid as master of ceremonies very entertainingly took charge of Santa Claus' affairs; soon ringing bells were heard and Santa came in person to the de-

FIRE WAGON HITS CAR ON WAY TO CALL

LOCAL FIRE TRUCK HITS JOE KAPLAN'S STUDEBAKER SEDAN

Truck Is Damaged

FIRE ALARM TURNED IN TODAY FROM BRYAN COTTON OIL MILL

(From Tuesday's Daily)
While speeding on its way to answer a call to Hugo Jahn's, local fire truck No. 2 collided with Joe Kaplan's Studebaker sedan and suffered a broken spring, broken steering rod, and a bent fender. It was so badly damaged that it had to abandon its run, while the Studebaker car and only minor damages, according to the fire department.

The fire truck was speeding to Jahn's where a truck was on fire. A pale of black smoke enveloped the north part of Bryan this morning as the fire alarm was turned in. It developed, however, to be only waste oil burning that had accumulated from a burst pipe line near the oil mill.

Bryan Man May Start A School In Cameron Soon

Prof. L. R. Waldon, well-known and highly successful teacher of modern business methods, who has conducted business colleges in many States and is now located at Bryan, announces that he will open a first-class business college in Cameron on January 10, 1927.

Mr. Waldon will return to Cameron next week and complete arrangements for the opening.

Much interest was aroused by the announcement of last week and several young men and ladies have already announced their intention to attend the college.

Cameron should have just such a college as Mr. Waldon is competent to give, and will support such an institution.—Cameron Enterprise.

Rev. and Mrs. Brown Given Pounding Xmas

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Brown of College were given a surprise "pounding" of good things to eat, lovely Christmas gifts and the assurance of fellowship and love of friends, at their home on College Campus during Christmas by the ladies of the Wellborn Baptist church, of which Rev. Brown has been pastor for the past two years. The Wellborn ladies did not send their gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Brown, but came in person, bringing to him good pastor and his wife, not only gifts of material things but also good wishes for the season.

The second Sunday in December, Rev. Brown tendered his resignation to the Wellborn church, as its pastor, and this expression of love from the membership at this time made the occasion one of more than usual import. The increase of work and duties as pastor of the Baptist church at A. and M. College with its ever increasing membership made it impossible for Rev. Brown to accept the pastorate of the Wellborn church for the coming year, much to his regret and also to the regret of the entire church.

THE COST OF DISEASE

Americans last year spent more than \$1,000,000,000 trying to keep or restore their health. Dr. Charles H. Herty of New York, whose findings are quoted in a statement of the United States Public Health Service, is authority for the figures. He places the outlay for drugs, including patent medicines, at \$600,000,000. Physicians' services, figured on an annual average income of \$1,500 for each of them, took \$20,000,000. Hospital maintenance required \$254,000,000, and \$31,000,000 was added to the sum to cover five per cent interest on the \$624,000,000 invested.

Practically the whole amount can be charged to direct cost of illness, because comparatively few persons spend anything on their health till illness develops. And this cost is not the whole story of economic loss from disease. There is also a loss in productive effort in whatever vocation an individual may be engaged. What the amount comes to in a year in dollars is difficult to say. Certainly the sum far exceeds the amount credited to direct individual and hospital expense. The latter, however, is enough to emphasize the importance of taking care to keep in good health.

Public health agencies have done and are doing, much to assist men, women and children to live better and longer. The expense connected with them is not included in the total of \$1,015,000,000 listed. Their outlay throughout the country is about \$60,000,000 a year. This is not out of proportion to the work they are doing to spread health information, encourage proper living and wipe out disease sources.

The national bill paid annually because of sickness is a reminder that neglect on this score is a costly procedure in money as well as social satisfaction.—Fort Worth Star.

WIN \$20.00 IN CASH \$100.00 IS TO BE GIVEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS OF THIS COUNTY IN 18 CASH PRIZES IN ESSAY CONTEST ON

Co-Operative Marketing of Cotton

BY THE BRAZOS COUNTY FARM BUREAU COTTON ASSOCIATION

RULES AND PROGRAM OF CONTEST

Brazos county school boys and girls will be awarded \$100 in prizes for the best essays on "Co-Operative Marketing of Cotton," according to Glenn Stinnett. The \$100 is divided into 18 prizes. The contest ends January 29, and the prizes will be awarded February 15. Students are asked to mail their essays to the Brazos County Farm Bureau Cotton Association in Bryan. The local organization will furnish the students also will furnish the material pamphlets with valuable material on the subject. Following are the rules of the contest.

The Prizes:
Class A—(9th to 11th grades inclusive). First \$20; Second, \$10; Third \$5; Fourth, \$2.50; Fifth, \$2.50; Sixth, \$2.50; Seventh, \$2.50; Eighth, \$2.50; Ninth, \$2.50; Tenth, \$2.50; Eleventh, \$2.50; Twelfth, \$2.50; Thirteenth, \$2.50; Fourteenth, \$2.50; Fifteenth, \$2.50; Sixteenth, \$2.50; Seventeenth, \$2.50; Eighteenth, \$2.50; Nineteenth, \$2.50.

Who May Compete.
Any white student in any grade of high school in Brazos county. Two sets of prizes are offered, one for students up to and including the eighth grade and the other for students of ninth or higher grades of high school.

The Title:
The title of the essay shall be "What Co-Operative Marketing of Cotton Means To Me."

Where Material May Be Had.
Articles have appeared in several farm papers and other periodicals of recent issue with excellent discussions of Co-Operative Cotton Marketing.

Efforts will be made to supply additional material to all schools throughout the county. This additional material and pamphlets may also be secured either direct or through teachers, from the Brazos County Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Bryan, Texas or at the local Farm Bureau office in Bryan.

Rules For Writing Essays.
1.—Subject of essay shall be "What Co-Operative Marketing

Means To Me."

All essays must be written and submitted on or before Saturday, January 29th. Essays mailed in should be addressed to Brazos County Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Bryan, Texas. They may be brought to the local Farm Bureau office at Parks Furniture Store, Bryan, Texas.

Announcement of winners and awarding of cash prizes will be made about the middle of February.

Judging of Essays.
Essays will be judged under the direction of the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Department of Vocational Teaching of Texas A. and M. College. The essays will be numbered and record made and retained by the Brazos County Farm Bureau Cotton Association of the authorship of each essay. The essays will be turned over to the judges without names or information disclosing the writer. The essays are to be judged according to the following score card:

Proof that Cooperative marketing is a benefit, 60 points.
Scope of proof, 15 points.
Clearance of Expression (easily understood), 15 points.
Grammatical construction, spelling, penmanship and neatness, 10 points.
Total 100 points.

Woman's Missionary Society Of The Methodist Church Has A Successful And Useful Year Shows The Report

With a membership of one hundred and fifteen, the Woman's Missionary Society prides itself in having a co-operative spirit that is conducive to a forward movement relative to all phases generally promoted by such organizations. With Mrs. W. H. Cole as our most capable president, assisted by a corps of efficient officers, we have been successfully steered through another year.

Our average attendance at the business meetings on first Mondays have been about twenty-five members. Our group attendance on other Mondays often ran as high as seventy-five and eighty.

The continuance of the group system enables the members to become better acquainted and in this way we come in personal contact with those who are actively engaged in the work of the Kingdom.

The course of study pursued consisted of two Mission Study Books: "New Days in Latin America" and "The Moslem Woman"; also one Bible Study Book on "Christian Stewardship". Much profitable study and pleasure have been derived from the pursuance of these books.

Our Bible readings have increased greatly during the year and we have an average of 500 chapters read weekly.

Our vice president, Mrs. E. W. Crenshaw, during the summer organized the young girls of the church in a group, forming Group No. 6 of the Society. This group of girls is doing some very splendid work.

Our society entertained the Annual Conference in April and each member of our local organization felt personally benefitted from this wonderful meeting and we were inspired to do greater things in the future. Our society feels highly honored in having two of our members elected to offices in the annual conference: Mrs. J. M. Goodwin, was re-elected superintendent of Mission Study and Mrs. O. O. Henderson was elected recording secretary. We feel that the social side of our organization is an important feature and the society fosters at least two big socials during the year, inviting all members of the church and including in their guest list all Methodist students at Allen Academy. This coming together enables us to know each other better and the fellowship derived is of inestimable value.

For the past several years we have used the budget plan in meeting our finances. Our pledge for 1926 was \$1200. This amount was to take care of all expenses and the members have come up with all dues and pledges in full and the total amount collected was \$1225.00. The amount raised locally in groups aside from dues and pledges, \$267.74; Total of Prayer collections, \$54.00; Total raised \$1,546.74. Our disbursements are as follows:

G. J. HASSELL MEAN AND KIND TO CHILDREN

CRIMINAL, WHO SLAYED HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN CONFESSES

(By Associated Press).
FARWELL, Dec. 28.—A life of crime mingled with generous impulses was revealed in full text in a statement made by George Hassel, confessed slayer of his wife and eight step-children, was made to the authorities. His confession told of the murder of his wife and children after a quarrel involving his 14-year-old step-daughter and of killing his first wife and three children in California. He was generous at times to the eight children of a brother whom he murdered.

Makes \$41,000 On \$150 Investment

SWEETWATER, Dec. 24.—William Wright of this city sharpened a stubby pencil and after a little figuring on the back of an envelope found that he had made a profit of \$41,000 on a block of ground here for which he paid \$150.

Wright bought the block in 1894. He built a home for himself and five rental cottages at a cost of \$12,650, all of which, he says, have been more than paid for out of the rents he received, together with rents from vacant lots which were leased by a lumber company. From time to time he has sold lots from the block, and this week he sold his home and three lots for \$15,000, bringing the total to date to \$29,000. He has left one lot on which there is a cottage and three vacant lots for which he has been offered \$12,000 and which he is considering selling, which would bring his profits to \$41,000.

Boys' and Girls' Club Department

Club Notes and Farm News by County Agent C. L. Beason

Start Plans Now

W. L. McCulloch of the McCulloch-Danby Furniture company, is one of several Bryan business men already giving expression to the proposition that the poultry show for next fall should be launched right now with all prizes announced.

Beyond question of doubt, this is the right way to proceed, and the matter will come up for consideration at the regular meeting of the poultry association, Monday night, January 8. Everybody interested in this matter should attend the meeting. Let's begin now to have 1000 birds in the show next year. Roy Durie of Waco says he will again be with us with some of his fine White Orpingtons.

Work Together

Whatever our agricultural program may be for 1927, it should be announced now that all may work together in helping to put the program over in good shape. All have a remedy for the so-called anemic condition of agriculture and are anxious to have our "dope" tried out, but while we are waiting for this chance and perhaps a more thorough and correct diagnosis, let us lend our cooperation to sell building, better livestock, good roads, better orchards, better poultry, better rural schools, and more conveniences on the farm, all these being essentials demanding our attention whatever the diagnosis of the agricultural situation may be, or the final remedy prescribed.

Need of Good Roads

C. S. Jones, one of the leading farmer-stockmen of Brazos county, thinks that with the coming of good roads in Brazos county there will be an exodus from the town to the country, where people of small means can live much cheaper by having a cow, a flock of poultry, truck patches, etc. Yes, you are right, Brother Jones, 10,000 people can live in a radius of ten miles of Bryan, make a living about their little homes and at the same time fill any position they choose in Bryan. Thus the country could be developed and the cost of living be reduced to the minimum. When this dream—if you want to call it a dream—is realized the high-powered electric lines, now spider-webbing the country will serve to good purpose in helping develop rural districts. No place needs it worse than right here in Brazos county. Let us get the vision, and with the vision courage to act.

Start With Family

Henry Ford says: "In all this talk about prosperity, we forget that the first point where insolvency begins is in the American family, and that the origin of it is debt which represents no productive investment."

Be Optimistic

"Not armies or navies or commerce or diversity of manufacture or anything other than the farm is the anchor which will hold through the storms of time that sweep all else away."—James J. Hill.

Let us not take a pessimistic view of the present, when we see once outstanding farm homes abandoned and the once fertile hills now producing only needle-grass between gapping gullies. If our civilization is to continue, agriculture must be the underlying support, and in the readjustment that is to come—sure to come—abandoned hillside blossoms as the roses and attractive farm homes will dot the modern highways and give evidence of a contented people, desirous of perpetuating the American farm home, the finest place in all the world to rear a family.

4-H Leadership Contest

The Farm Journal, Philadelphia, announces that the Leadership contest for club boys and girls will be repeated in 1927, \$1,000 being offered to the 26 most outstanding club boys and girls. In the contest during 1926, Homer Sheffield of Crosby, Texas, won first prize of \$250 offered to boys, and Tester Sietman of Laurel, Iowa, won first prize of \$250 offered to girls. Britten Henderson of Brazos county, Texas, was one each of ten club members to win cash prize of \$10 in the Farm Journal contest.

Concerning club work Miss Sietman says: "4-H club work will help any girl find her life's calling. It will keep her healthy in body and active in mind. It should prevent her from turning into a prude or snob. It should make her a well-balanced woman all around." Homer Sheffield says: "It gave me a personal interview with the business world which is the foundation of a successful nation; and last, it has pointed out to me my life's work, and in turn I will stand by club work because club work is making the American citizen of tomorrow."

About Our Poultry

Following the sending to all parts of Texas copies of the Brazos County Poultry Directory, many inquiries are being made about Brazos County poultry. It all indicates that people are interested in poultry, and that the supply is far less than the demand. These inquiries should also serve to remind us, in Brazos county, that the future of this particular industry is now hanging in the balance. Careful planning and following careful business principles

will tip the beam in the direction of success, but slipshod methods and indifference toward underlying principles will inevitably result in dismal failure. Let us not be deceived by thinking that we can obtain a few standardbred chickens and turn them loose upon the farm yard to "rough it" and expect satisfactory results in any particular. If you are not willing to provide comfortable quarters and give proper care, then you better stay with the scrub chicken, from which you expect nothing and are never disappointed.

If we can get 100 farmers, farm women, boys and girls to begin a systematic study and careful planning of their particular poultry needs and problems, the poultry industry will move on in Brazos county.

Are you willing to enlist, with every needed assistance right here at your door?

Spend For Feed

The Agricultural Department of the Southern Pacific Lines, in its "Live-at-Home Letter," quotes T. J. Caldwell, vice-president of the Union National Bank of Houston, as saying that Texas farmers spend four hundred millions of dollars yearly for "foods, feeds and supplies," and adds that it would take more than five million bale crop at 15 cents to pay this, giving the following figures:

Feed - \$400,000,000

Cotton crop 5,000,000

bales at 15 cents... 375,000,000

Estimated deficit... \$25,000,000

Baptist Pastor Has Gift Shower

Rev. R. E. Day, pastor of the First Baptist church, and his wife, were given a Christmas surprise Wednesday night following the prayer service at the church. When the pastor and his wife came out to their car, which was parked at the curb in front of the church they found there was no room for them to sit, for the car was full of Christmas packages, boxes, buckets and baskets, filled with gifts of the good old fashioned "pounding" variety. Turning on the lights in the car, they realized that Santa Claus had made them a visit. With the loving members of the church gathered around them, they were assured of many good wishes for the Christmas season, and every wish seasoned with the love and good fellowship of pastor and people.

Arriving at their home on West 26th street, Rev. and Mrs. Day found another surprise awaiting them, for old Santa Claus himself had been there and installed a brand new radio in the family sitting room for this good pastor and his family to enjoy.

This radio outfit was from all the members of the church, and carried with it every good wish for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. When Rev. Day "tunes in" on his members of his church during the coming years, he will find them filled with loving appreciation of their pastor and his good family.

Runaway Negro Asks For Home in Jail

Jim Holland, negro, who shot and killed his wife some time last October, at Harvey on the C. L. Eden farm, and skipped the country immediately after he was out on bond, returned late yesterday, voluntarily, and gave himself up to Sheriff J. H. Reed.

At the time of the shooting, Holland said it was accidental and his wife made a death-bed statement to the same effect.

Holland is in jail and will await the action of the grand jury.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. McHANEY HOLIDAY GUESTS IN BRYAN

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McHANEY and children of Mart are holiday guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Batte and family on West 28th street.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Boyett and little son, T. P. Jr., have returned to their home after spending Christmas in Bryan with relatives at the Boyett home on College avenue where all the sisters and brothers met for a family reunion.

THANKS PEOPLE

A. J. Murray wishes to thank the people of Bryan who came to his financial assistance during his recent misfortunes. He says Bryan folk will always have his lasting gratitude.

Party Given For Second Graders

As a school closing event little Miss Phylla Lee Godwin entertained about 40 children of the West Side second grade with a picture show party, serving them with oranges, candy, and chewing gum. Wednesday night an annual Christmas tree was held for the neighborhood children at the home of the Godwin children in West in abundance upon the tree.

READ THE WANT ADS

INTERESTING FACTS

More than 150 persons in the United States are insured for a million dollars or more each, according to an article by Florabel Muir in this week's Liberty.

The term "Dixie" for the South originated from a bank note issued by a New Orleans bank in early days. These notes were printed in French and English, and bore the work for ten "Dix." They became known as "Dixies," and the South as Dixieland.

There are 1,050 insurance companies in the United States.

The longest term of office of any government official is that of the Comptroller General and the Assistant Comptroller General, who each hold office for fifteen years.

The European woodcock carries its young in its feet when flying.

Eleanor Knoyles, a waitress who comments on the funny things people do in restaurants points out that: "If there are in a restaurant a dozen clean tables and three dirty ones, people will invariably sit at one of the dirty ones, and then grumble while the girl takes the dishes away and lays a new cloth."

A woman's signature is not valid in Belgium.

The first speed laws were enacted at Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1787. The law stated that anyone who galloped his horse on Main street, if a free man should be fined, and if a slave, should be given twenty-nine lashes at the public whipping post.

The first Brutus, the famous Roman, put his own sons to death for disobeying orders during a military campaign.

In Peru the postal system is not run by the government, but by a private company that contracted with the government to do so.

Gregg-Harrington Wedding Occurs At Millican On Sunday

A beautiful wedding was solemnized on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 2:00 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington at Millican when their daughter, Miss Jane Harrington was united in marriage with Mr. Alvin Gregg of Bryan. The impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. J. E. Thomson of College Station. The bride has lived in Millican all her life, having graduated from the school there and summer sessions at A. and M. and recently completed a business course at Walden college, Bryan. She has many friends in Millican and Bryan and has always been active in church and Epworth League work.

The groom has lived in Bryan for a number of years and has worked for David Reid, and the Community Store at College, and is now working in the commissary department of the mess hall at College Station. He has always been very popular and efficient wherever he worked.

The immediate family were the only attendants at the wedding who are: Mr. and Mrs. Paul McSwain of Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Neely of Wellborn, Mrs. Neely of Hockley, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of Millican, Mr. Ben Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, mother and father of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg left on the southbound H. & T. C. for a short wedding trip to Houston and other points. They will be at home in Bryan to their many friends after Jan. 1, 1927.

JONES-FLOYD WEDDING

Miss Mary Floyd and Mr. Nunn Jones, both of the Harvey community, Brazos county, were united in marriage Wednesday night, December 22, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, College Station. Rev. Brown was the officiating minister, and the ceremony was witnessed only by a few intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home at Harvey.

Kit Carson's Will Given To Museum

DENVER, Dec. 24.—The last will and testament of Kit Carson one of the west's famous plainsmen and Indian scouts, now reposes in the state historical museum here.

The document was transferred from the files of the Pueblo county court house to the Colorado Historical Society. The will was made at Fort Lyon, Colo., May 15, 1868, thirteen days before Carson died at Taos, New Mexico. The entire estate valued at \$13,000, was left to the support and education of the surviving children. It included two ox wagons, seven yoke of work oxen, one hundred and twelve head of livestock, two pieces of property at Taos and a promissory note for \$3,000.

Wanted Clean Cotton Rags at The Eagle Office. Will Pay Five Cents Per Pound.

Echoes of the Texas Editorial Association Meet

The Sabine district does not mean much to one who has never visited it, for it must be seen to be visualized, but a visit there serves as an alarm clock to one's imagination and awakens one to the possibilities and undeveloped resources of our great state and makes you to know that the great possibilities of the Texas gulf coast and the Sabine district have not been scratched. This was the version of the visitors, who for the first time visited this part of Texas recently, during the Texas Editorial Association meeting.

The Sabine district is a triangular affair with Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange co-operating together. The woman in the case is no myth for she, too, is playing a big part in the development of the district and shares equally with the men in dispensing hospitality and extending a hearty welcome to all, who come within the gates of the Sabine district.

The Editorial Association opened its meeting in Port Arthur and it took from Thursday morning to Friday noon to see even a portion of Port Arthur and enjoy the hospitality of the people.

Facts about Port Arthur and an outline of the important and interesting places in the Sabine district were given the editors by R. L. Drake, president of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. And it will be interesting to know that Port Arthur is first a port, the ninth in the United States in point of tonnage as calculated in government figures released within the past few weeks. It is situated 14 miles from the Gulf of Mexico on a ship channel 32 feet deep in its turning basin. The channel continues at a depth of 30 feet to the ports of Beaumont, Orange and Lake Charles, La., the last opened to the world of commerce only ten days ago. The population of Port Arthur is about 45,000 persons, and its monthly payroll totals more than \$1,500,000 with some 16,000 employees at the two refineries and other industries of the city. The schools are among the best of the entire state and have an annual appropriation of \$472,000 for school purposes based on an assessed valuation of \$93,350,000 for the Port Arthur school district.

These festivities at the "Wonder City of America," as it is called by many leading writers, opened with a drive through the city, viewing the splendid churches, schools, hospitals, and homes. The flowers and well kept lawns all bespoke for a progressive town. Then through the mammoth plant of the Texas Company's refinery and an inspection of the large Case and Package plant, where an army of people are employed manufacturing the cases and packages for the numerous products of this concern. Thirty minutes was spent driving through the refinery plant, and yet not half was seen. A splendid luncheon given by the Texas company was a satisfying climax to the drive. Fred P. Dodge, general superintendent of the Texas Company refinery, was master of ceremonies and made a splendid toastmaster. Other plants visited

on the return trip were: The tank farm of the Atlantic Refinery company, the plant of the Pure Oil Company, the asphalt plant of the Texas Company and the tank farm and plant of the Magnolia Petroleum company.

A duck dinner, compliments of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, R. L. Drake, president, and J. E. Denny, as toastmaster was the happy ending of a perfect day. Much of the success of the day was due to James E. Day of the Port Arthur News, who was chairman of the day.

Friday morning the members of the Association enjoyed a breakfast at the Hotel Plazo, compliments of the Port Arthur News, with James E. Day as master of ceremonies. The breakfast was a good old fashioned one, with oranges gathered in the city, chickens from their own farms, and wheat cakes and syrup, all products of that district. There was plenty and more than enough for all.

At eleven o'clock a drive was started through the largest oil refinery in the world, the Gulf Refinery company. We can readily believe it is the biggest for it required more than an hour to drive over just a part of the 1,360 acres occupied by the concern. At noon a seafood luncheon with all the trimmings was given by the Gulf people at the office cafeteria, with George N. Bliss, superintendent marine department, and John W. Tryon, general superintendent, Gulf Refining company, in charge, and A. L. Burge, manager of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce as toastmaster.

Some of the startling statistics of the petroleum industry we learned were: The number of barrels of crude production in the world is 1,060,000,000; in the United States, 764,000,000 and the United States makes 7 per cent of the world's total production. And the refining capacity for the United States daily is 2,951,660 and annually is 1,077,319,400. The refining capacity of the Sabine district is daily 205,000 and annually 74,825,000, the Sabine district refining 6.8 per cent of the entire total of the United States. The investment of the oil industry in Jefferson county as shown by the redaction for taxation is: County's total taxation is approximately \$2,500,000, and the six major oil companies pay approximately 50 per cent of the county's total of \$1,000,000. With a rendition like this is it any wonder that they can have good schools and good roads?

When it was revealed that these industries are doing so much in developing the state's resources, the question asked: Why are the state laws so restricted as to make these companies go into other states to incorporate and then come back into the state and do business as a subsidiary? The Texas Company has left its native state and has moved its headquarters to New York. This may not effect the numbers of dollars that this company will spend in Texas, but it is worth much to the State to have the headquarters of the company here in Texas, where it was organized. Are these restriction just? Every citizen should study the question for himself. No one would question that big business must be governed, but it should be the aim of every lawmaker to be quick to discover a sinister foe to the forces of progress, but they should also be alert to discern right from wrong, justice from injustice and always ready to commend any legitimate business that would mean for progress and development of our State.

After the luncheon the crowd boarded a sea-going tug of the Gulf company and enjoyed a three hour trip to Orange, where Crit Connally, the genial editor of the Orange daily paper took charge and conducted a sight-seeing trip over the city winding up at the Rotary club rooms, where a roast Canadian wild duck dinner was served, compliments of the Orange Cameron Land Co., H. J. Lutchter Stark, master of ceremonies. At the end of the supper those who cared to, remained for the boxing bout and the remainder of the party were taken by auto to Beaumont. We will have to make an honest confession, that though we are classified as old-fashioned yet, the only woman who had modern ideas and remained for the bout. It was some bout if we know what that is. It was the featherweight championship between Lencho and Carlin. Lencho was a Louisiana and Carlin was from San Antonio, a Texan. We were for Carlin, but we lost. It was the first time I ever sat at the ring-side. However, it did give me a thrill. The wonderful physical development of the boys engaged aroused my admiration. No, I don't think I would ever become a fan, but I was out for an educational trip and I didn't want to miss anything. My next thrill came when we were taken to Beaumont by auto, by my good friend H. J. Lutchter Stark in a Rolls Royce over those fine Jefferson county hard-surfaced roads.

The last day, Saturday, was spent in Beaumont and the elaborate entertainment consisted of a breakfast at the New Hotel, Beaumont, compliments of the Beaumont Enterprise and Journal, P. B. Doty master of ceremonies; a luncheon at noon, compliments of the Chamber of Commerce, with Ben S. Woodhead, as toastmaster, an auto trip over Beaumont, including the ship yards, and the famous Spindletop oil fields and closing with a real banquet at six o'clock at the Hotel Beaumont.

whose home is the world, whose religion embraces mankind, and whose life is devoted to doing good" fairly sums up the tribute paid Ike Ashburn as a man. Those participating in the informal program were: M. E. Wallace, E. J. Fernier, E. N. June, C. L. Beason, Madison Hall, Stuart Barron and Law Henderson, Rev. S. M. Bird of Marshall, phoned his tribute. At the conclusion, Dr. J. M. Black, a boyhood friend, presented Col. Ashburn a fountain pen and pencil as a remembrance of the club.

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Accomplishments of Col. Ike Ashburn As Journalist, Soldier, Commandant and Secretary Extolled by Rotarians

Col. Ike Ashburn, who leaves soon to become secretary of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, was paid the respect of a farewell luncheon yesterday by a Bryan Rotarian. No pre-arranged program presented, but one after another brother Rotarians sketched in appreciative terms the career of this man who has for so long played prominently in the life of A. and M. College and Bryan.

Many Talents

Coming as a newspaper man from Fort Worth some twelve years ago to act as publicity man for the College, Col. Ashburn distinguished himself not only as a publicist, but as a soldier in the World War. Later as commandant of the cadet corps he beneficially influenced the lives of thousands of students. In his latest post at the College he rendered conspicuous service by drawing together the thousands of old Aggies into an organization that is doing much to maintain the prestige of A. and M. and establish its deals of service throughout the State.

Regular Fellow

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Boone Prairie

BOON PRAIRIE, Dec. 29.—The rain which has been falling the past two or three weeks has made the roads hard to travel. I guess we will have a fine season in the ground for next year's crops.

Miss Clara Mae McDaniell who is teaching school at Rosenberg is home for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Nora Lee Dowdy, who is attending school at Baylor University, is spending a few days with her parents.

Miss Lucille Frazer, who is teaching school at Easterly, is spending Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Frazer.

Miss Lois Frazer and her brother, Duffy, who are teaching school at Henry Prairie, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frazer.

Carter Dowdy, who is attending school at Bremond, is spending the vacation with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Allee spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown of Grant Prairie.

Velma and Evelyn Morgan of Grant Prairie, spent Sunday with Johnnie Sue Allee.

Henry Ellison spent one day the past week with Raymond Richardson.

The Boone Prairie boys and girls went down the week before Christmas and played Wheelock in basketball. Both of our teams were defeated. The scores were, girls 40 to 15, and the boys 16 to 9.

There were two Christmas trees at the school house and everyone received a present.

J. E. Ellison was called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Flora Sabo of Wheelock Sunday evening. She died Monday evening.

Wheelock

(Special to The Eagle).

WHEELLOCK, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Flora Sabo died at the home of her son near Wheelock Monday morning. She was found unconscious in her bed Sunday morning by her daughter-in-law. A doctor was called but nothing could be done for her. She was paralyzed over her entire body at her death. She passed away at 2 o'clock Monday morning without ever gaining consciousness. She has made her home with her only son since the death of her husband in 1898. He has cared for her since he was large enough and has stood by her in time of sickness and supplied her wants in everything. He has been married three years, yet he never failed to share equally with his mother.

They have lived in and near Wheelock for several years and leave many friends who mourn her death. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church for many years. She was a fine worker and attended church as long as she was able. At the time of her death she was fifty-one years, two weeks and five days old. She is survived by one son and a sister and a brother. She has one grandson. Her sister is Mrs. Ben Tarter of Wheelock, and her brother, Joe Ellison of Boone Prairie. She was laid to rest in the Wheelock cemetery. Everyone extends sympathy to the bereaved and loved ones. Distant relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brooks of Dallas.

Capt. Griner's Speech Feature Of Lions' Meet

A splendid classification speech by Captain George W. Griner of Allen Academy, in which he told of the reasons why parents send their boys to junior colleges, and of the conduct of the students after they arrive, was the feature of Tuesday's meeting of the Bryan Lions Club.

Another interesting feature was the practicing of new songs to be sung in the Lions' minstrel show to be held here January 18. The songs are the latest hits of the season. Mrs. Roy Danforth thanked the club for her Christmas present.

Brief talks were made by O. J. Parks of Abilene, Norman Dansby, a new member, and Johnnie Vitopil.

The program committee for January is composed of Ross M. Sherwood and R. E. Bosque. Classification talks will be made during the month by H. S. Edge and S. E. Eberstadt.

The following were present: F. D. Fuller, J. Bryan Miller, E. A. Lightfoot, Bob Irvine, W. W. Chambers, L. L. Stephens, Noah W. Dansby, J. Coulter Smith, Harry Edge, Jess W. Hensarling, H. S. Locke, M. M. Erskine, W. E. Nealey, R. E. Bosque, S. E. Eberstadt, J. W. Hendricks, Jr., M. F. Vitopil, Norman Dansby, G. W. Griner, O. J. Danforth, Johnnie Vitopil, and Mrs. Roy Danforth.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

HALF A DAY IS A LOT BETTER THAN NO REST AT ALL.

CAMEL, RHINO, SABER-TOOTHED TIGER ORIGINAL AMERICANS

Science Unravels Centuries Old Mysteries Through Discoveries in "Bad Lands" of Western United States

BRONTOTHERIUM, metatynodon, moropus, mesotherium, creodon, poebrotherium, protoceras, hoplophorus, stylomys—we could name many others if we had time to do so. And they were not scarce, mind you. Why, you might have counted the poebrotheria, hoplophoruses and the rest of them in any number, if you had been there and were so inclined. They were literally everywhere. An endless mob. Running, jumping, sleeping, tumbling, scratching, fighting, screaming—big and little, fat and lean, old and young, hideous and beautiful—varieties enough to suit any whim.

Those WERE the "good old days." An honest stylomys or a respectable metatynodon had little to worry about then. No scorching summers. No chilling northern blasts in winter. Just one continuous round of mild and genial days over the entire stretch from the Gulf to the Arctic Sea. An entire continent of gently undulating country, rounded hills and broad valleys covered with forests far grander than any today, wide expanses of rich Savannah, no human hand to pick the sun ripened fruit, noble rivers and crystal lakes of purest drinking water. Those WERE the days! Even the flowers on meadow and hillside grew larger and filled the air with their sweet perfume. There was no such creature as man with his annoying ways. The Rocky Mountains were mere hills then and the far-reaching shores echoed to no sound but the dash of the waves.

Story Uncovered

Strange climate, strange country, strange animals, jungles, marshes. North America was a queer, unrecognizable sort of place during those dim ages at the beginning of time. Exactly how queer is the story just being learned. The pieces are rapidly being put together. The veil which science long has sought to penetrate is yielding and it is from the Bad Lands of South Dakota, regarded as the world's richest storehouse of prehistoric record, that many of the most illuminating chapters of this amazing story are being taken.

Some of the world's most valuable contributions to paleontology have come from the Bad Lands. The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, the United States Geological Survey, the American Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Museum, Field Columbian Museum and a number of universities

are among the better known investigators participating in the enormous quantities of valuable material and specimens.

Several field parties are just now returning from their comprehensive investigations undertaken early this summer. Princeton, Harvard and the South Dakota School of Mines are represented in these parties. Although little detailed information is available as yet, these scientists are bringing home a number of extremely important specimens. The School of Mines party was longest in the field and has the most complete collection. Among these specimens are the skull and jaws of the original camel, several heads of the three-toed horse, more than a dozen heads and one skeleton of the saber-toothed tiger, several heads of rhinoceroses and a large number of somewhat less sensational finds.

Latest Discoveries

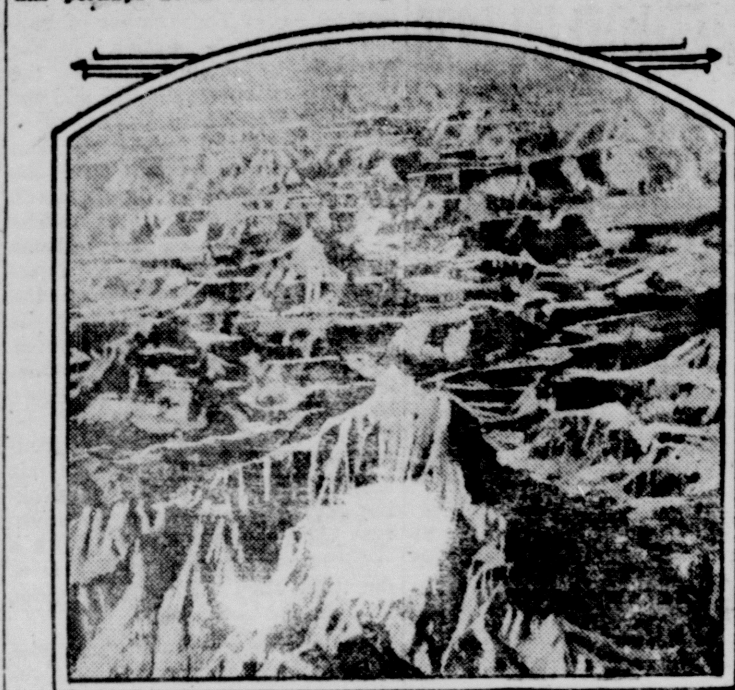
Princeton University's expedition is headed by Professor William J. Sinclair, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology. These new discoveries will add tremendous evidence and knowledge of the vast herds which roamed this country millions of years ago.

The activity and knowledge concerning these wonderful deposits has perhaps never been more vigorous.

cores nor better planned than it is at the present time, according to Dr. Cleophas C. O'Harris, president of the South Dakota School of Mines, long a leading investigator in this region. This is largely due to the fact that there is now ready access to every part of the Bad Lands. Well traveled wagon roads connecting the better known passes may be used by automobiles and remote places are reached by saddle horses. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway winds its way for many miles up the White



Dr. C. C. O'Harris, president of the South Dakota School of Mines, and "field marshal" of the Black Hills investigators in whose honor the fossil saber-toothed tiger has been named.



As though dropped from another world. The barren wastes of the South Dakota Bad Lands, unique natural spectacle, are one of the earth's richest storehouses of prehistoric record.

River Valley along the southern face of the "Great Wall" and then plunges into the very heart of the Big Bad Lands, the culminating feature of the entire region.

To the eye a sterile waste, bare and forbidding beyond imagination, set down in the heart of the rich farmlands of South Dakota, the Bad Lands are one of the most extraordinary spectacles of nature and a constant threat to the happiness of home-loving wives of geologists and paleontologists.

Bottomless pits hidden in dark shadows. Spikes, towers, minarets and domes of motley pastel tints, pink, buff, cream. This is the impression of a first glimpse of the more picturesque part of this region between the White River and the Cheyenne River.

American Salt Sea

The story science has read in the weird topography is bewildering in itself. A vast salt sea stretching as a broad band from the Gulf of Mexico to the Arctic regions, slowly depositing sediments destined to form much of the great western



PHOTO—AMER. MUSEUM NAT'L HISTORY

Strange early Americans, the yoke-toothed Coryphodont, typical of some of the larger mammals.

from Gilead the forerunners of these useful beasts of burden were roaming in great numbers here. Certainly under modern conditions no animal could seem more completely foreign to this country.

Original Camel

Princeton University now has one of the finest skeletons of the North American camel. The animal was a graceful creature with apparently some of the external appearance of the llama but of about the size of the existing gazelle. The larger of these original camels were about twenty-four inches in height.

Among the proofs that what is now the western United States was once an inundated land of tropical climate are the fossil crocodiles taken from the White River Bad Lands. Two species have been found, the larger about six feet in length.

An indirect ancestor of the present day pig was a grotesque creature of great size which combined some of the characteristics of both the swine and the hippopotamus. Some of these were about the same size as the present hippopotamus, the head alone reaching sometimes three feet in length.

These, of course, are only a few of the many forms of life which inhabited prehistoric America, but they are yielding an astonishing monument of the dawning times of the great mammalian races.



PHOTO—AMER. MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The last of a race which was extinguished when the earth was young is the Eobasiliscus. The four wicked looking horns, overhanging tusks and little eyes set far forward in the great head gave him an expression all his own.

plains of this continent. Deep rumblings in the neighboring Black Hills and in the Rocky Mountains accompanied by the rise of molten rock from the chain of Pacific volcanoes. The shallow sea slips away and fresh water marsh lands and deltas appear.

But even more amazing are the records of the animal life which inhabited this country. With the coming of what the geologists describe as the Tertiary Period, great herds of animal giants appeared.

Crocodiles, huge turtles, rhinoceroses, some heavy of bulk and water loving, other graceful, preferring dry land. Fleet-footed, three-toed ancestral horses, with their spreading feet, ran unhampered across the muddy flats. Ferocious, saber-toothed tigers. Antelope. Six-horned herbivores. Diminutive camels. These are but a few of the original inhabitants of the United States. How many know that the camel originated in America? This is only one of the startling facts

which has been more firmly established by the recent explorations. Although the present single humped camel of Arabia and his two humped brother, the Bactrian camel, are now found only in Northern Africa, Arabia and Central Asia, their earliest ancestors thrived on the western plains of the United States long before conditions became favorable for their migration to their present homes. Ages before Joseph was sold by his brethren to the Ismaelite caravan

Proper Spacing of Cotton Plants To Insure Best Yield Is Told In Bulletin Issued By A. & M. College

(Special to The Eagle)

College Station, Dec. 29.—The distance to space cotton plants for best yields has been a live question for years. Articles frequently appear in the press advocating close spacing and late thinning as a means of increasing cotton yields but in too many instances the meaning of close spacing is not clear. Close spacing to one person may not mean close spacing at all to another. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has been for 12 years conducting spacing experiments with cotton at the main station, College Station, and at the substations at Beeville, Troup, Angleton, Temple, Spur, Lubbock, Pecos, Nacogdoches and Chillicothe.

These experiments include tests of spacing from 3 to 36 inches at 6-inch intervals. Practically all sorts of weather conditions have prevailed at each of these points during the history of these experiments and some very interesting conclusions have been drawn regarding the effect of the different rates of spacing. The results have been analyzed from the standpoint of the best present-day methods and present a truly reliable basis for the proper spacing of cotton in practically every important cotton region of Texas so as to give maximum yields. While a few more or less wide variations appear in the yields from time to time it has been possible to point rather definitely to the range of spacing that is safest in each locality. These are shown in detail in Bulletin No. 340 which has just been published by the Station and which can be had free as long as the supply last, by writing to A. B. Conner, Acting Director, College Station.

Thorough Work

Dr. E. W. Allen, Chief of the office of experiment stations of the United States Department of Agriculture, says: "This seems to be a very thorough and careful piece of work in which advanced methods, including statistical analysis, have been employed. The fact that it is based on experiments at your main station and nine other places gives unusual breadth to the investigation and shows the relationships under different conditions. It is this type of thorough study which makes for advance in our understanding of such matters as this having close practical applications." Dr. C. A. Mooers, Director of the Tennessee Experiment Stations classes the bulletin as "The best of its kind that I

have seen. I am glad that your conclusions do not differ materially from those reached by me in work done chiefly at the West Tennessee Experiment Station. I have always thought that the very close spacing of cotton, so widely recommended for general use in the last few years, was not justified by experimental data." Other experiment station officials in the cotton belt have noted the wide range of these experiments and the fact that in no other single state could be found so wide a range of climatic and soil conditions as to enable such comprehensive work on cotton spacing.

Can Adjust Soon

In general, the bulletin concludes that the cotton plant has the ability to adjust itself to produce satisfactory yields within a comparatively wide range of spacing and that the highest yields have resulted from close to medium spacing, 6 to 21 inches in the different parts of the state, except in Eastern Texas on the sandy lands where comparatively wide spacing, 27 to 36 inches gave the best results. Twelve inches was found to be the best spacing at Angleton, Lubbock and Spur; 9 to 12 inches at College Station; 21 inches at Beeville and Temple; 27 inches at Nacogdoches; and 30 inches at Troup and Chillicothe.

The experiments include early, medium and late thinning and the results secured showed the cotton thinned at the usual time when the fourth and sixth leaves are forming, produces larger yields than that which was thinned late.

GOOD FARM PROGRAM.

Our good friend Albert Luker of Grapeland, who publishes the Grapeland Messenger gives the following as the program outlined by the chamber of commerce to solve their farm problems:

Every farmer a home owner. Every farm terraced and drained.

Soil conservation—soil rebuilding with legumes.

A 3-year crop rotation scheme on every farm.

Feed and food crops for stock and family, with not more than 12 and one-half acres of cotton to each horse.

A home orchard of fruits and berries, not less than two and one-half acres, an all year around home garden, and home canning outfit.

One hundred purebred hens, at least one good milk cow, and a reg-

When I Was 21—

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In 1918, Henry Rohde was one of the first 11 men of Bryan to go to war, and Mr. Johnson went to an officers' training camp at Camp Pike, within a few months. On July 1, 1918, the agency was sold to Willard Chambers and Dave L. Wilson.

Mr. Johnson was commissioned a first lieutenant in the army the day after the Armistice was signed. After being discharged from the service he came back to Bryan, but soon left for New Orleans where he was identified with the automotive electrical business for five years.

He came back to Bryan in October, 1924, to become manager of the Smith Drug Company. Mr. Johnson says it took him only 30 days to get back into harness and to feel perfectly at home in the drug line, despite such changes in the industry as those in toilet articles, anti-toxins, and serums.

The drug and auto businesses have been his vocations, but the theatrical business has been his avocation.

When the city of Bryan built its city hall, Mr. Johnson and T. K. Lawrence secured a 10-year lease on the opera house, which was known as the Colonial Opera House. They used the place only for road shows, and during the seven years they had it they brought many of the best shows of the day to Bryan. And, incidentally, Bryan people patronized them liberally and it was not a losing proposition. Among the shows they offered here were "Every Woman," "Chocolate Soldier," Frederick Ward in Shakespearean plays, Wilson Lackey, Thomas Dixon in "Sins of the Fathers," "Madame Sherry," "Prince of Pilsen," Sidney Drew in "Billy's Tombstones," the English grand opera company, the Adorn grand opera, and "Alma, Where Do You Live?"

In conclusion we asked him what was his most sensational experience in the enchanting city of New Orleans. "When I got married," he answered.

"Was that the most sensational experience you had in New Orleans?"

"Absolutely!"

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power and the pertinacity to tie up the League of Nations with the peace treaty. His sorest dread was that the treaty and the covenant of the league might be separated. He knew that if a treaty was signed, the delegates would go home and leave the league hanging in the air. He knew that any postponement would make it forever too late to unite the nations in an association for the preservation of world's peace.

After the Paris conference, Wilson came home to undertake the western tour in 1919. He knew its personal perils, Axson declares, but he "loved peace well enough to die for it."

"His courage was complete—physical, mental and moral courage. Men called him stubborn. But history will call him faithful. Fidelity to cause, refusal to compromise when he believed a principle was at stake, readiness to accept responsibility for all his acts, words and thoughts—these were some of his traits. He lived for things that he believed; worked for them, fought for them and then died for them."

"I am ready," he said when he was told that his death hour was near. None could be more ready.

"A great American and a great man has left us, but his works survive him."

Kurten

(Special to The Eagle)

KURTEN, Dec. 30.—In spite of the bad weather the auditorium and the churches were quite filled on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Hugo Hinz of Houston is here visiting relatives.

Henry Endler has returned from Ennis last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fickey and family are spending Christmas with relatives in Bryan.

Miss Alice Pearl Odom left for Palestine Friday, where she will spend her Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Lawless of Goose Creek, are here visiting relatives.

Miss Annie Metzger is spending Christmas with her brother Mr. Ben Metzger.

Mrs. J. C. Gerke of Fort Worth, came home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Utecht of Cleveland, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt.

Messrs. Albert Plagens, Marvin Lawless, both of Houston, are vis-

iting friends and relatives here.

Miss Jewell Colburn of Birthright is enjoying Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colburn.

Mrs. Maude Jones of Cameron is now with her sister, Mrs. John Sabo.

Miss Louise Gerke of Houston came home to be with her mother Mrs. Chas. Gerke during her vacation.

Willie Hunberger of San Antonio, is enjoying Christmas with friends at Kurten.

W. Metzger of Hearne is the guest of his son, Mr. Ben Metzger.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lang and son Morris, of Goose Creek, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Easters.

Among those friends of Bryan who are with us during the holidays are: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conrad and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hedtke, Elo and Louise, Miss Mary Lou Prinzel, and Mr. Emanuel Kasiske.

Walter Lawless of Goose Creek is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawless.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Thompson of North Zulch, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawless.

Miss Mae Conrad and Mr. Adolph Conrad of Houston, are enjoying this week with their homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hearne of King's Highway, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilpin.

Anton Fridel made a business trip to Smetana Wednesday.

Kurten Services

KURTEN, Dec. 30.—The Zion's church of Kurten will have Sylvester evening service, Dec. 31, at 7:15 p. m. There will be no service on account of unforeseen hindrances, but the usual service will be held Sunday, Jan. 2, at 10:00 a. m. Sunday School at 9:15 o'clock. Zulch Bethlehem church will have New Year's services Saturday 10:00 a. m., Rev. Hugo Roitsch, pastor.

Union Hill

(Special to The Eagle).

UNION HILL, Dec. 30.—Miss Charles Wheeler has returned to Belton where she is attending school, after spending Christmas holidays with her mother.

Miss Mary Beth Mitchell, who is a teacher in the Bellville schools is spending the holidays with her mother.

J. E. Wilder of Houston has returned home after spending Christmas holidays with friends at Union Hill.

Miss Monikie Wheeler is spending Christmas holidays with relatives in Fort Worth.

In Early Days

(By Mrs. Albert Buchanan)

Young and old alike are fascinated by the true story of a life and its associations. A personal reminiscence with lights and shadows, joys and sorrows, grips our heart, and we listen, or read the story of the "long ago" with ever increasing interest. There are many men and women still living in Brazos county who remember clearly the early days of Texas, Brazos county and Bryan history, and to be sure there is an eager audience awaiting a word from them; listening to hear a life story or read the printed lines of their reminiscence. These facts taken together made the writer of these lines bold to enter homes and places of business to interview these men and women who "know" the things we want to know; who hold within their memory jewels of historic interest that are dear and vital to us as a people. The purpose of these articles will be to gather and preserve these important facts of the years ago, and to give to the readers of The Eagle from time to time the pleasure of enjoying with us the result of our investigation.

Recently we talked with W. W. Griffin and learned from him many interesting facts about Bryan and Brazos county. Mr. Griffin spoke first of his childhood days in the good old state of Alabama. In 1858 when he was but 3 years of age he came to Texas with his mother, Mrs. Almira Bird Griffin, and his little sister, Mary Griffin, his father having died in Alabama. Before his death, R. S. Griffin, the father, had purchased Texas lands in what is now Com-

manche county, and the widow and children made the trip to the "wild western state" to locate the property. When they reached Caldwell, in Burleson county, they were told that the Indians were on a rampage, and were advised to go no further. So they stayed for a while at Caldwell in the home of the Carrolls, the parents of the two boys who afterwards became the great Baptist preachers of Texas, Revs. B. H. and J. M. Carroll. Later, the mother, Mrs. Griffith, succeeded in locating the land she sought and sold it, receiving two mules and a wagon as full payment for the land that is now one of Texas' richest oil fields and worth hundreds and thousands of dollars.

"Yes, I remember well how Texas looked in that day," said Mr. Griffin when asked of the general appearance of the state at that time. "The whole country was open, not a fence anywhere except around the few little homes that were dotted here and there. Wild turkeys, deer, cattle and horses roamed the vast prairies; there were plenty of them, but they were not worth much. The best cow and calf sold for \$10 if the calf would not suck; if the calf sucked they wouldn't sell at all. Horses sold in bunches for \$7 a head, and the prairies were full of them; they were your property if you could get them, but it was dangerous to ride after them as the prairies were full of big holes where the horse might stumble and both horse and rider be killed."

Tomorrow Mr. Griffin will tell of his first visit to Brazos county in 1866.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Crenshaw and babies spent Christmas with Mrs. J. M. Carroll.

Misses Josephine and Alberta McCall entertained a few friends at their home Monday afternoon with a delightful party.

After playing a number of interesting games refreshments were served which consisted of cocoa, chicken sandwiches and cakes. At the close of the party each guest found that old Santa had left a gift for them. Those present were: Misses May Boss Mitchell, Irene Hasell, Vera Payne, Alberta, Josephine, and Eulalie McCall.

Mrs. C. L. Outlaw of Houston visited her sister Mrs. Walter McGregor during Christmas.

You can rent those vacant rooms by means of an Eagle want ad.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar U. Peters of Harvey were among the Bryan visitors today.

Mrs. N. B. Tucker of Navasota, is here today for a visit with her mother, Mrs. L. H. Tucker.